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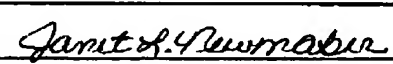
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Sir:

This communication is further to a telephone conference with Examiner Dougherty on January 25, 2005. In that conversation, we clarified the status of the Applicants' response to the Restriction Requirement issued on April 8, 2004, for claims 1-91.

The Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment concurrently with the Present Application on November 20, 2003. In the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-89 were cancelled and claims 92-101 were added, leaving claims 90-101 for prosecution in the Present Application.

The Applicants filed a response to the Restriction Requirement by facsimile on April 15, 2004 (titled "Amendment"). Copies of the Transmittal Form, Amendment, fax transmittal, and fax confirmation receipt are submitted herewith. In that Amendment, the

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Applicants directed the Examiner's attention to the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Present Application.

During the telephone conference on January 25, 2005, Examiner Dougherty confirmed that the Preliminary Amendment is in the USPTO file and that the Amendment filed on April 15, 2004, is not. This communication is intended to bring the USPTO file up-to-date and to advance prosecution toward the first office action on the merits of the claims.

If the Examiner believes a further telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,



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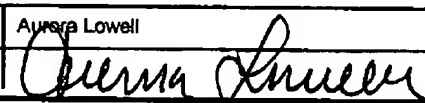
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the Preliminary Amendment entered on November 20, 2003.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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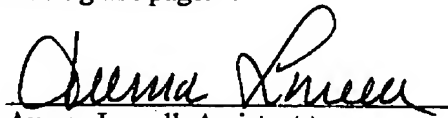
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